

Wilson Commends President Obama's Focus on Jobs and the Middle Class

Washington, DC - Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) commended President Obama for laying out a plan to create jobs, cut the deficit, hold big banks accountable and make our economy work for the middle class again. President Obama delivered his first State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress tonight.

"The President talked directly to the American people about restoring security for middle class families," Wilson said. "This past year we brought the economy back from the brink of a depression. Now, President Obama has outlined his vision to rebuild our economy."

The President renewed his commitment to a new long-term economic strategy for America that invests in a globally competitive workforce, energy jobs, health insurance reform and accountability for Wall Street.

"Tonight, the President called on Congress to pass a jobs bill to jumpstart private sector job creation with investments in small businesses, energy, and infrastructure," Wilson said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to come up with a common sense bill that achieves those goals."

Congress has already helped jumpstart the economy by lowering taxes for the middle class, by providing much needed investment through the Recovery Act, by providing health insurance for more children and by ensuring pay equity for working families. Today, President Obama laid out a series of policy initiatives that will build on those achievements to improve our economy for middle class Americans. Most notably, his proposals will make it easier for students to pay off their loans, help families with soaring child care and elderly care costs, and give all workers more tools to save for their retirements.

"I am ready to get back to work and tackle the issues that matter to the people of my district. And I'm ready to do that work with anyone that is willing to stand up and contribute, regardless of their party affiliation," Wilson said. "It's time to put our differences aside and work for the good of the American people."

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